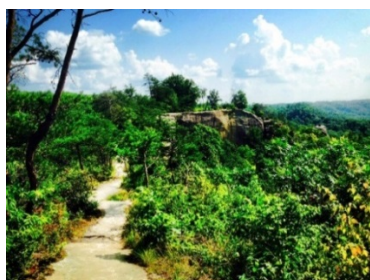


2017 VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST - RED RIVER GORGE

Interns are official U.S. Forest Service Volunteers. The Forest will provide supervision, mentorship, and training that will lead to valuable professional experience, which can be documented on future federal employment applications. The Forest Service will work with your school to create internships to earn college credit. Depending on the length of commitment, an intern may be eligible for free volunteer housing at the Gladie Visitor Center, a mobile home, or camper trailer. Reimbursement up to \$75/week or 14 cents/mile may be possible. Recreational opportunities abound in the Gorge. The National Geological Area is recognized as a leading hiking and climbing destination. Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and hunting also occur on this unique land.



Most Volunteer Internships are for 10-15 weeks between March and November.

BACKCOUNTRY RANGER VOLUNTEER INTERN

Duties include rehabilitating backcountry campsites, closing illegal paths and campsites, maintaining Forest trails and trailhead facilities, educating visitors about recreation best practices and Leave No Trace principles, recording visitor use, and monitoring archaeological resources. The best candidates will be able to hike long distances, use hand tools, and work in a variety of weather conditions. Candidates should be comfortable interacting with the public to share Forest rules and regulations in a professional and respectful manner. Position works weekends and holidays.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION VOLUNTEER INTERN

Visitor Services, Environmental Education and Interpretation Interns primarily staff the front desk at the Gladie Visitor Center. Interns greet visitors, and provide excellent customer service by answering questions related to recreational opportunities, natural and cultural resources, and Forest rules and regulations. Interns also assist with Forest activities including special events, campground programs, and educating the public about Leave No Trace principles. The best candidates will be outgoing and comfortable interacting with the public in a professional manner. Position works weekends and holidays.

CAMPGROUND PROGRAM VOLUNTEER INTERN

Campground Program Volunteer Interns will primarily assist in the events that occur each year every Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. These events are hosted at Twin Knobs, Zilpo, and Koomer Ridge Campgrounds. They can include anything from educating individuals about fire safety and prevention to learning about the creatures that call the Gorge home. Interns will be expected to be kind and courteous to those who decide to participate and be willing to help them learn and have fun.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/dbnf/workingtogether/volunteering>

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